

2nd's Matters

March 28, 2018

- Please pray for strength and healing for Bev Deur who has pneumonia.
- Please pray for Win Kolk and Jim Deur who are currently at Transitional Health.

From Your Pastor's Desk:

Recently while Cathy and I were traveling out to Washington to welcome our newest grandchild we were both able to read several books. We both read some fiction novels but I also read a couple of more serious books that I found profitable: Kate Bowler's *Everything Happens For a Reason (and Other Lies I've Loved)*, and Jordan Peterson's best-seller, *12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos*. From now on most weeks I will be including at the end of our weekly *2nd's Matters* a short excerpt or quote from something I've read. With so many good books with thoughtful writing being offered I trust I'll be able to find something that you might find interesting, through-provoking, or inspiring! But you will have to read to the end of *2nd's Matters* to find it.

Wednesday: Mid-week Bible Study

Meets today at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to join our discussion on Judges 19-21

Good Friday Men's Lenten Breakfast:

The final Lenten breakfast will be held Friday, March 30 from 7:00 - 7:45 am at Church of the Living Christ, 605 Hemlock St.

Good Friday Worship, March 30:

Beginning at 7:00 PM we will hold a Tenebrae service using the seven last words of Christ. The service will also include Communion.

Easter Sunday Worship, April 1:

We will greet our risen Lord with an opening drama of the resurrection story and Pastor MacLeod's message will be "The Victory of the Lord!" Our offerings will be for the General Fund and the GEMS.

FYSH request:

Do you have a heart for Young Adults? Are you interested in youth ministry? Do you like serving ministries through work trips? FYSH is looking for adult volunteers to help us out with a mission trip opportunity this summer. If you are interested please contact Zach by calling the church or emailing 2ndyouthdirector@gmail.com

Lakeside Severance

On behalf of the disbanded Lakeside congregation, Second Church has taken on the responsibility of administering a severance package for Rev. de Jong which Lakeside, our Council, and Classis Muskegon have all approved. Contributions towards this fund are most welcome. Please make checks payable to Second CRC with a note that it is for "Lakeside severance."

Stock the Pantry!

During March, the Deacons request peanut butter and jelly for donation to the True North Food Pantry. Beginning on April 1, the Deacons request canned fruit and vegetables for donation.

Did You Know?

Our church website contains video recordings of our Sunday messages; they can be found at: <http://secondcrcfremont.org/category/sermon-videos/>

Community Events

Camp Tall Turf Work Retreat

Please join us for the Spring Break Work Project, April 4-7. It will be a great time of fellowship, fun, and work as we prepare Camp for the summer! Registration forms are on the literature ledge in the lobby of Second Church, or you can contact David Brassler for more information (616) 834-1967. david@tallturf.org.

Parenting The Love And Logic Way™ Class!

Last one before summer at a Spring Special price of \$50 (per couple or single—includes one workbook).

Location: Fremont Rec Center in The Outpost Living Room

When: Monday evenings from 7 – 9, April 9 – May 14

This is a practical parenting approach that has been around for 40 years! It is taught primarily via an entertaining DVD presentation. Please explore loveandlogic.com for testimonials as to its effectiveness. Contact Sharon Deur for other questions: sharond.outpost@gmail.com

Fremont Christian School Canter Run 5K

The CANter 5k run/walk will take place on Saturday, April 14 at 10:00 am! The cost is \$10 + a bag of food donations for TRUENorth Community Services (checks can be made payable to Fremont Christian School). All who are registered by Friday, April 6 are guaranteed a t-shirt! Register either in person at the FCS office or by emailing Joel DeHaan at jdehaan@fremontchristian.org.

CureUs Ministry

We are bringing the Break Through Tour, Saturday, April 14, 6 pm, to Fremont High School which includes two bands: Unspoken and Citizen Way. We are also welcoming Jason Fowler, to share his story and music with us. Tickets are now on sale with I-Tickets for \$13.00 or \$8.00 for 10+ and are sold locally at the Rec Center for \$10.

Newaygo County Right to Life

Will hold an educational dinner at The Shack in White Cloud on April 30 at 6 PM. Cost is \$16.00 and the speaker will be Right to Life of Michigan's Legislative Director Ed Rivet. For information or tickets, call Dee DeKryger 924-0259.

A Quote From a Book I Read:

Kate Bowler is a 30-something mom and professor at Duke Divinity School. She is also diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer.

Here's something from page 112: "My in-box is full of strangers giving reasons. People offer them to me like wildflowers they picked along the way. A few people want me to cultivate spiritual acceptance.... but most everyone I meet is dying to make me certain. They want me to know, without a doubt, that there is a hidden logic to this seeming chaos. Even when I was still in the hospital, a neighbor came to the door and told my husband that everything happens for a reason. "I'd love to hear it," he replied "Pardon?" she said, startled. "The reason my wife is dying," he said in that sweet and sour way he has, effectively ending the conversation as the neighbor stammered something and handed him a casserole."

Kate Bowler, *Everything Happens For A Reason (And Other Lies I've Loved)* p. 112.